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What President Wilson suggests the statesmen of the belligerent owers is a task of definition. He categorically denies that he proposes peace. He does not offer mediation. He asks for formal disclosures of national aspirations and racial ambitions. The limitations he imposes on his present project he makes clear beyond the possibility of misconstruction. It is not how peace may be attained, but why war is maintained, that engages his immediate interest.

The importance of the explanations be seeks is obvious. Their bearing on the duration of the war and on the ultimate terms of peace would be of major consequence. Yet this does not measure the significance to the United States of the scheme of world politics which influences the note published this morning.

By its terms and explicit declarations the President makes plain his intention to labor for the creation of postbellum conditions that in international transactions will obligate this country in a manner it has hitherto scrupulously avoided. This project is not new to Mr. Wilson. He has frequently declared that in the preservation of world peace we must hereafter play a part unlike that which has been ours in the past. That declaration is now embodied in an official document conceived under the gravest circumstances and given to the world in the most impressive

Serious as is the President's aim with respect of the conflict now devastating the world, it is to America less momentous than the change in our historical attitude toward foreign affairs that may eventually flow from its development.

The announcement that the United States Public Health Service has ortude of THE SUN on the matter of the treated as prisoners of war." heroin habit. Three weeks ago we | The presumption is that the Imexpressed cordial approval of the perial Government was glad to avail in American history? resolutions adopted by the Committee litself of any opportunity to avoid takon Drug Addiction of the National ing the life of Captain BLAIKIE, the Committee on Prisons, recommending moral sentiment of the world having Federal legislation to abolish the im- entered its protest against the executhat this drug is not so indispensable indefensible. Dr. HANS WEHBERG, a in the practice of medicine that its learned German authority, in his book other drugs less menacing to health the outbreak of the war, declares that and life, and not at all likely to lead "the enemy merchant ship has the to unwarranted and excessive use. As right of defence against an enemy ata habit beroin addiction has been tack, and this right she can exercisproved an avenue to vice and crime.

HARTLEY JENKINS to pursue studies on ents. Captuin FRYATT was shot as a cannot be pictured as springing up parts of its width are equally available this subject, in the city inebriate farm, franc-tireur early in the previous year, from his soup, blotting his mustache to vehicular traffic. This method would which the scant appropriation of the Germany knows that she sinned and selzing his sword. Possibly Receipt part of the roadway. The city authorities had made impossible against the light. The atrocity will vere carried a piece of pie from the amount of snow brushed aside by snow hitherto. Dr. Stokes has ascertained not be repeated. that most of the heroin addicts were between the ages of 15 and 25 and that usually the habit was acquired through the malign influence of the for the employment of a \$10,000 a speak of a meal which is famous be can be noticed where owners of vacant "gang," that these boys were mostly year business manager to preside over cause it once appeared to have been buildings have failed to clear away snow potential criminals because, their carn- the affairs of the Republican State served earlier than was natural. The on sidewalks promptly. ing capacity being poor, they are undering the armits of the Republican State served carrier than was natural. The
committee contemplates the retention reason for the hour at which this breakfast was enjoyed may be found in the autobiography of the Admiral of drive for carting away, resulting in for obtaining it is out of proportion to that body's policy and the direction of the Navy, George Dewey, who smaller amount to handle at once. the inexorable demand of their syst of its labors. tems. The most important finding. however, was that 90 per cent, of the actual head of the committee, the line in Manila Bay because the break- With few exceptions it is patent that addlets committed to the Warwick business manager being to all intents fast hour had come. Inebriate Farm are heroin takers, and and purposes his agent. that a method of managing these cases without violent medication under strict discipline, mental and hygienic fully; and we should like to know batteries. Once in the bay the squadmeasures, &c., had brought about the what Benjamin B. Obell of Newcure of about 94 per cent., hs recorded burgh, who was once Governor and and the men were allowed to sleep task of notifying all tenants and ownin the courts. According to Dr. State Chairman at the same time, beside their guns. At 4 A. M. coffee ers falling to the former. This could STOKES'S own record, made after trac- would say about it. ing the addicts by volunteer and official social helpers, the successful cases ing conversationalist. numbered 60 per cent. Three hundred in the city of all kinds of addicts were treated at the City Farm in four does not involve keepers, former ad- British Isles arouses in Ireland a pro- Cavite and at 5:15 o'clock the Spandicts do most of the nursing and test which might have been expected. Ish squadron opened fire. At 5:40

cape in eight months despite the abence of guards testifies to the value of the community spirit established and fostered by Dr. Stokes, which is loubtless reenforced by the prospect of the three years imprisonment to which a previously escaped addict had been sentenced by the Court of Gen-

eral Sessions. Dr. STOKES divides the management into three soues: first, the collection zone, which is taken care of by protest of the Irish Catholics is likely feet was a wreck, Montojo's flagship Drug Addiction and the city hospital where they are entered; second, the remedial zone at Warwick : third the disposal zone, which is not receiving sufficient attention, but demands more parole officers. The full report of Dr. STOKES will probably serve to create a less pessimistic and grewsome view

of the drug habit problem than the press has recently depicted, and it should encourage a large increase of the facilities of the City Farm at Warwick, in which, owing to insufficient funds, the financial assistance of Mrs. JENKINS enabled Dr. STOKES to accomplish marvellous results, re-

ported by him-If in addition to these increased facilities for treatment a sufficient number of parole officers were engaged to follow the addicts after discharge and return them on the first relapse the drug habit problem would be more successfully coped with than It has been hitherto.

The fact that the United States Public Health Service has banned heroin and that probably the army and navy will follow this course may induce Congress to enact the law urged by the Committee on Drug Addiction of the National Prison Committee for the total abolition of the

Captain Blaikle Not to Die.

Captain CHARLES A. FRYATT of the Brussels and Captain James BLAIKIE of the Caledonia both tried to ram and sink German submarines and failed in their purpose. The Brussels escaped, but on a later voyage she was intercepted by destroyers and taken as a prize into Zeebrugge. After a travesty of a court-martial at Bruges Captain FRYATT was condemned and exe cuted because, to quote from the German official report, "although he was not a member of a combatant force he made an attempt on the afternoon of March 28, 1915, to ram the U-33 near the Maas Lightship." The Caledonia was sunk by the

marine that Captain BLAIKIE failed to ram, and he fell into the hands of the Germans. Fears that he would share FRYATT's fate have been dissipated by an assurance made to the American Embassy at Berlin that Captain Blat-KIE would be held and treated as a prisoner of war, because the German decision is that the Caledonia, as a ship chartered by the British Governin attempting to ram the submarine BLAIKIE was exercising a right of bel ligerency. But if the Caledonia which

carried a gun, had not been under charter to the British Government. Captain BLAIKIE could have claimed protection under this appendix, dated dered its large corps of physicians to June 22, 1914, to the German prize discontinue the prescribing of heroin regulations: "If an armed enemy and to return to its headquarters all merchant vessel offers armed resistthe supplies of this drug on hand is ance to the right of visit, search and gratifying confirmation of the atti- capture * * the crew are to be

portation, sale and manufacture of tion of FRYATT. The weight of interheroin in this country. It was shown national precedents made it utterly place may not be readily taken by "Das Seekriegsrecht," published since against visit, for this is indeed the Credit is due to the Committee on first act of capture." While the Im-Drug Addiction for having adopted the perial Government in a memorandum well grounded view of one of its to neutral Powers on February 10. members, ex-Surgeon-General Stokes 1916, took a contrary view, it never-

As disclosed to the public, the plan

The scheme of centralization is in-

Governor Opell is a very interest-

A Meatless Thursday in Ireland? The suggestion that Thursday be months. The method of Dr. STOKES designated as a meatless day in the watching, nor the agonizing distress Three-quarters of the population of Dewey turned to the Captain of the so commonly depicted. After three Ireland abstains from meat every Friweeks deprivation of the drug, with day for religious reasons. To make proper exercise, diet and environment. Thursday meatless would be to ask these unfortunates are said to have the Roman Catholics of Ireland to anregained their lost weight, but they stain two days in succession. Indeed. are not allowed to leave until they the rule would mean more sacrifice Drwry stayed on the bridge. An have established their claim to freedom in the "Toilers Club," which has

weeks a meatless Thursday would keep flesh from the Catholic's table from Tuesday until Sunday. In the week of Rogation Days he would ab- DEWEY is frank about his feelings; stain from Sunday to Saturday. In-Advent he would have no meat from Tuesday to Saturday.

Thursday is one of the weekdays stinence falls most infrequently. In umited." Holy Week, and on some vigils. Thursday is meatless in Ireland, but in the main it is as free as Monday. The to be that, so far as national economy goes, they have a meatless day every week; and if the Government must be separated from the religious day of abstinence by at least one day when ment may be eaten.

Wednesday, from the Irish point of view, might be preferred, as it is so often a fast day.

An Inland Submarine.

The porklest bill ever put before Congress is now pending. A good many of the rural Congressmen are not only bent upon bringing home the bacon but are resolved to rejoice their constituents with the finest strips of a streak o' lean for the city, seems to be the prescription most favored. A fine sample of the fat is to go to the town of Hazard, Kentucky, if Representative John Wesley Langley can compass it. Pork knows no party. Mr. LANGLEY is a Republican.

The population of Hazard is 537 Yearly post office receipts are under Rental of the present post \$5,000. office quarters is \$250 a year. The public building bill would appropriate which would require \$3,500 a year for maintenance.

We have never been able to compr hend the passion for respiendent pos offices. If the money were for schools or for the support of teachers a certain lavishness with it would be un derstandable. But the school district tencher—we wonder how much she at the point of a gun. The brother-gets in Hazard. Whereas the two cent hoods defled the Constitution in bestamps of the city dwellers pay for half of the bill and now they are inthe marble corridors of Government buildings in Hazards from Maine to California.

Now it is possible that the people of They are not on the seaconst. With good reason they feel tolerably secure. But a number of settlements whose wealth would make possible their Government building have not the same comfortable sense of safety. Isn't any reasonable compromise possible?

Perhaps for \$20,000 Hazard could have a thoroughly adequate Government \$20,000 might go to buy a piece of artillery or some smokeless powder. In the same public building bill which favors Hazard there are plump sums to erect buildings or buy sites in sixteen North Carolina and twenty-one Missouri villages. If all these and Hazard were to haive the money designed for them they could pay for a submarine, which might be christened the U(nselfish) 38

America's Most Famous Meal.

An evidently earnest delver into the

wheedled from the Indians for his occupying this space and consequently starving colonists was important, but restricting the available width,

fleet entered the buy under a brief and keep the roadways entirely clear than teresting; it will be discussed care-harmless fire from the Spanish shore fully; and we should like to know batteries. Once in the bay the squading out of this scheme would call for ron reduced its speed to four knots and street cleaning departments, the was served to them. At 5:05 three best be accomplished by use of printed Manila batteries opened fire, but ered by policemen. DEWEY did not let his fleet waste ammunition on them. He was after Montojo's fleet; that destroyed, the city would be his. At 5:06 A. M. the Spanish ships were seen in front of

> "You may fire when you are ready, GRIDLET."

Olympia and said:

GRIDLEY went to the conning tower, than that, for in Lent all Wednesdays 8 inch on the forward turret of the and Fridays are now meatless and so flugship opened the ball. After the

part in the government of the colony are two of the Saturdays. In Ember fight had gone nearly two hours Captain GRIDLEY told the Admiral that the Olympia had remaining only fifteen rounds per gun for the 5 inch battery.

"It was a most anxious moment for me. So far as I could see, the Spanish equadron was as intact as ours. I had reason to believe that their supply of ing system of Mr. Osborne or whether upon which the church law of ab- ammunition was as ample as ours was

As a matter of fact, "victory was already ours, although we did not know a shambles. This Daway perceived as he was steeming out of range; and then come the news that, instead of discipline them with another it should having left only fifteen rounds, the Olympia's 5 inch guns had fired only that number. Hence the signal for the famous meal:

> "Feeling confident of the outcome, I now signalled that the crews, who had had only a cup of coffee at 4 A. M. is achieved. The foundation of which was attributed a nonchalance that had never occurred to me, reasoned that breakfast was the real reason for our withdrawing from action."

It takes a brave man to go out of his fat. A strenk o' fat for the hill town, way to declare that he was not nonchalant, but nervous; therefore DEWEY does it. But nobody will regret that the boys had their brenkfast early. whatever the cause. They had done u large morning's work.

> Can't Uncle Sam hang up some let ter boxes for Santa Claus!

The London Times uses a new word. scribe that which Laorn Grosce design nated in his speech as "unfair profit taking out of the war." \$40,000 for a Government building sets the Prime Minister a lesson in provement upon PLUNKITT's

The curse is the "curse of Heaven but the voice is the voice of Count

And now the Federation of Labor pays for the schoolhouse and pays the son law." It didn't. It demanded it. voking that same Constitution to take the punch out of it. The Adamson denounced both by its former oppo nents and by its former advocates. The Hazard do not quite realize that this votes that it won for Mr. Wilson at country needs guns and battleships, the recent election will be always an

> The members of the House of Representatives are not the only persons who will experience the effects of too

The sudden rush to discover Litting the poets who have sung of her these many years. . The popular mind, howbuilding, serviceable, substantial and ever, does not picture Beenzesus as the dignified if not showy. The other lady's second husband. He is remembered rather as the Von Bissing of different

preparedness her decision, recorded at the polls on Tuesday, not to abolish

Who will serve the egg injunction

SIDEWALKS TOO CLEAN? When the Snow All Goes to

Gutter Traffic Is Clogged. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: A. an interested observer for some years "To the Epiton of The Sun-Sir: more particularly having noted the dif-What was the most noteworthy meal ferent degrees of paralysis of truffic as the result of snow fall. I have come to the conclusion that one element in connection with snow removal is responsi-Some might say that the snack en- ble for most of the trouble that always loyed by COLUMBUS on the beach of has to do with the scraping off of side-San Salvador was the most impor- walks. As at present practised, the full tant, as being our first international width is cleaned and all shovelled into social function. It could be urged that the roadway. This naturally stops the the square meal which JOHN SMITH use of the roadway adjacent to the

the colony eventually went to the bad. The remedy suggested is to compel all In the story of the Revolution food owners or tenants of property to clean is conspicuous by its scarcity. We see hundreds of houses where Wash-terial on the remaining one-third next INGTON made his headquarters and to the curb, providing an opening thousands where he slept, but few of through this mound opposite entrancewhich it is boasted that he waxed fat to buildings. These openings would therein. Nothing but ten was served also serve as drains for melting snow to reach the gutter. It is plain that the of the navy, who had been enabled theless proclaimed a purpose to treat at the Boston party. Old history roadway will then contain only the through the generosity of Mrs. Helen the crews of such ships as belliger, shies from the dining table. A hero snow that has fallen thereon and all house when he went to get his horse, ploughs or sweepers is rarely of suffibut it mustn't be said. It is in com-paratively recent history that we must find an answer to "J. O. S." and speak of a meal which is formous be.

Thus the Governor is to be the his fleet withdrew from the battle general cleaning up after the roadways in all streets, both business and resi-In the first hour of May 1, 1898, the dential, it is of greater importance to cards which would be properly CARL E. PELE. Member American Society of Civi

Engineers. NEW YORK, December 15.

> When You Took Her Skating. Pilit. Wit.

THE NEW SING SING. Shall It Follow the System of the Old Punitive Institution?

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The deeply interested in the question as to completed stipulations of which are to Sing Sing will continue the self-governrepressive system of which Clinton

punish men for crime, with the supposed

the character of the men and deters it has always been the "punishmen with it the tacit permission to use upon the many difficult cases sent there from other prisons more severe measures than those in use elsewhere. When punishment is aimed at in an prison we may rest assured that cruelty should have their breakfast. The public old system is to regard inmates as at home, on account of this signal, to criminals and not as men. Such a system is dominated by fear, lives over powder magazine of smouldering resentbrutal punishments which frighten the mass of the inmates into sullen acquiescence. It is true that torture in prisons is disappearing under public tration is the same, under which its full duty is held to be the keeping of

the inmates closely locked up even though this crushing process discharges This spirit of official contempt, indifference and brutality breeds among the men a spirit of hatred and a determination to "get even" with society when released, which is strengthened their realizing the crime which society On the economic side Mr. William

Dean Howells has pointed out that where a man steals a small sum of money and the State steals his labo theft, the man is the small thief and commits a crime against its imprisoned wards when it houses them for years in small, damp, stone cells with tubercu losis and chronic rheumatism resulting. go insane, and when it neglects to furnish

The new system approaches the prison problem from the standpoint of pity, not of hate; pity for the men born right things, scarred and seamed by dissipation and disease, untrained and unable to compete in the industrial or gan'gation. The new system, without the slightest aim at punishment, faces the problem how to build up these men physically, mentally and morally so that they can go straight when the return to society. This is the only defensible aim of prisons and the only way in which society can be protected failure, under which the stream of dismust astonish the Talmudists and also charged convicts returns by thousands annually to prey upon society by practising the only profession they know having no influence during their prison terms to make them want anything

> Mr. Deborne bases his system on Mr. Gladstone's dictum that "it is only liberty that fits men for liberty. difficult to think of any more discouraging field in which to institute any measure of Eberty than the walled conand Sing Sing that prison self-government was started.

Tels self-government, necessarily limted in its scope, depended for its succontrol to take the place of the disciplin yard under supervision of their own has an insulation resistance elected officers. It is significant that and there are known to be faults in it. while 124 men went insane in New York | Further quoting from the report State's prisons in the fiscal year 1913 Three experiments were made in talking only sixty-one became insane in 1914, over the land line to Pairbuths. The line the year this system was started, forty-five in 1915 and forty-six in 1916, when the outdoor system was further pass to cantend with. Likewise about six Against Candles and Flame.

CHRISTMAS TREE PERILS.

GYROSCOPES ALOFT

Safeguarding Holiday Decorations Shift of the Wheel's Position With the Climbal of the Airship.

punishment, stress is laid upon privileges for good conduct, and, in particular, new interests, ambitions and hopes
are furnished to the men to replace the
broodings of the past. In a word, the
one aim is a change of heart in the
men, it is true that all the men do
not respond; some are mentally inon standard systems in the States.

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and haked flame and work for its sub- aeroplane could loop the long or capable, others are hardened by long. It will be readily seen, therefore, that stitute, the electric light, Push the sale and other movement and the recome out of New York State's prisons that by the Musso system telephone con-us has left Sing Sing in the past year versation over submarine cable has been lish the dangers a companying the use lent of not deviating from a The extension of Mr. Osborne's work accomplished over 375 miles. public realize that prisoners are still marine cable equivalent to 2,000 miles in out far into your territories, beyond change its vericul most one in many of whom are capable of length of submarine cable, or 22,000 those who have electric service, that the zonial position to fur are

to give such men positions. Is the new system at Sing Sing to be so modified that the self-governing principles will be lost? Shall the stream of thousands of men annually returning

from prisons to society in New York of men only, with deadened minds and hardened souls, or shall they be men who have been physically and mentally

Which shall the new Sing Sing be? R. M. HURD. Member of State Commission of Prisons.

NEW YORK, December 20.

The Whittling Judge of Alabama.

"I have heard of 'whittlers' and have seen a few in my day, but the most con-sistent 'whittler' within the range of my memory was Judge Samuel Henry Sprett of Tuscaloosa, whose whittiing proclivi-ties while on the bench made him known throughout Alabama." said John W. Ait-man. "He also was known widely for his great knowledge of law and the adminisever and wherever Judge Sprott was hold-ing court, always there would be two or three long, clear strips of white pine rest-

THE OFFER OF PEACE. An Argument That It Must Come

From a Government of the People. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Peace is offered to the world! A peace the treaty with Belgium as "a scrap of outset of this war to the present time and disregarded every international and

humanitarian obligation! Is it not apparent to the German people that they must choose other advo- Germans were still under the spell of Of German Agriculture." by Mr. T. II cates and representatives before the the rush to Paris, the authorities were Middleton. How vital the business is tribunal of the world; that no nation, able to demonstrate that no German how it affects the very existence of the lower or man, belligerent or neutral, need go hungry much longer. A new can with any self-respect deal with or aid in negotiations or mediation with the discovery at the last mo stand convicted by their own words and deeds of the most deliberate disregard public to read about it. The peace of what use another pact with the lohensollern despotic tribe and its ill. In peace and agricultural products on the part of their most solemn obligations? Hohensollern despotic tribe and its lik. of the population.

with Prussian Junkertum and milita-

nt of your people and by your stipulate with your neighbors. Or must we assume in your case the truth of the saying that "peoples have only the government which they deserve"?

Honoxus, N. J., December 19

UNCENSORED DRAMAS. Should Officialdom Protect the Feeling of Friendly Powers!

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SUL do with Japan in an ostensible effort tion and the weak agricultural of conflict between United States secret ser- Agricultural chemistry is a let is a gratuitous insult to a friendly enough to learn the powers that rule pass upon a play mental defects, for the men raised in like this before it is permitted to do real supported by the syndicates and the

New York, December 20

TALKING BY CABLE. An Account of Experiments With

Submarine Telephone. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: There appeared in your editorial columns an it had been possible for the syndicate editorial article headed "Making the Ca- works to deliver a quantity of pure has secured, not perhaps a chebles Speak" which had reference to a potash greater by 230,000 tons in the un assured source of foor new discovery of Lieutenant-Colonel first nine months of the present year often speak of their duty George O. Squier of a means for re- than in the corresponding period of spect. They regard the cultivation ceiving cable messages audibly. In this 1915. The Germans have also made land as a duty to the Fatherland editorial article you comment upon the good their loss of about \$50,000 tons of the German idea of thoroughness fact that although rapid strides have Chilean nitrates. A full account of the fostered been made by science in all other fields. German nitrate industry, wonderfully papers. for the last sixty years the ocean tele- complete considering the difficulty of

fact that early in 1915, over the same excluder, 1916. It is written by a Russ production is not due to these Government cables in Alaska upon sian chemist, M. Paul Gloess, and is chiefly due to the increased which the Squier discovery was tested, certainly the most illuminative that artificial fertilizers. This seements of the control of under the supervision of officers of the United States Signal Corps tests of the the reports of German shortage of all German men of science and is Musso system of submarine telephony fert.lizer. Germany, says M. Gloss, Gloss remarks, Germany is were conducted.

control to take the place of the disciplin-bate Cordeva and Seward, a distance of ary repression from above. The first 110 and 170 knots respectively. The operastep in Auburn Prison was to cut down for at Cordova claims that the votes was of 355 mgs.

developed and extended.

In place of discipline enforced by of the line being Na b G. I. wire. At punishment, stress is laid upon privilest one mile of this line was at that We ask all those who are able to not clear to me that "one who

outside of the prison is only less im- in addition, by this system it has been may be facewarned. portant than that within, in making the possible to speak over an artificial sub- Carry this safety campaign broadcast or left, the wheel would be reliabilitate themselves, so that more wire at Musso's laboratory in this city,

NEW YORK, December 19.

Lemnos and Loki.

Naw York, December 20. Our correspondent clips an editorial paragraph in which he underlines the are too few real Christmases in the be in part the propeller for healed and morally inspired? The old words "when on his way to the siege of system is not punishment but revenge. Troy, following mention of the snake safe.

and is too base a thing for this civilized bite suffered by Philocetees on the island State to continue. Physical equipment of Lemnos; and a letter to The SUN For the Widows of French Officers, but there have been due to the cause of fundamental, vocational and industrial Loki's Arrow?" the mistletoe.

the was bitten by a snake at Lemnos, the small island of Chryse near Lemnos, care of free of charge, and * * * was abandoned at Lem
A house well suited for this purpose force a man can exert to promise force and promise force are promise force are promise force are promise force are promise force and promise force are however, he "made an arrow of mistletoe," with which Baldur was shot by

Verbally exact quotations from ancient ering of it. I well remember that whento the mistletoe, The Sun favors the
to her at 1 Rue Davioud, Paris XVI.

ARE THE FARMERS OF GERMANY ABLE TO FEED THE NATION?

Scientific Methods, Particularly in Pertilization, Have Worked Wonders

The weak point in the German post- follow the recent accession of fertiliztion is not so much military as inter-crs ready for the farmer.

A sound British view of the case of national. Germany must have food and the people may not care to run the German farmers has just reached th risk of trusting to chemistry to proturn of the wheel has been made more things go to make up a food sup-

A most interesting light has rism, signed by a subscribent Von Beth-thrown both on the general situation mann-Hollweg who glories in sharing and the tactics of the Chancellor by his master's belief that "the end justi- the reports on the state of Germany's crops. We hear that the crop of wheat Have the German people lost all sense and potatoes is above the average, and the war. It might be called the again that the fields ripening to haring peace we all want, "wash your sins, vest have been slow in their advance not only your face," establish first a this summer and autumn, while haymaking was protracted to a later date tain crops and the best speciment people which may become the real than usual. One report suggested that certain forms of live stock, and in the guarantor of any arrangements you the German farmer had been handlcapped by the want of fertilizer.

This question may well be the sub-

ssential issue in deciding the maintenance of food supply for the people, and transcends all other considera-A good supply of necessaries would alone enable the Germans to recent advantages gained by German press for better conditions of peace As regards the output in wheat builtwhen the working of the Government's oats and potatoes, the last two year food legislation revealed its weaknesses show in and defects. Any one who knows Gereaw last night a theatrical sketch having | many can see the strong military posito show a plot for the destruction of all few people as yet in or out of Germany nited States warships and their crews. know where chances are lost and who can be done to the best advantage vice and the Japanese too many unpleas- science; its practical demonstrations ant expressions were used reflecting have reached the eye of the German upon the Japanese. It was watched farmer through leaflets showing the with curiosity by the audience, not en- way to grow richer crops than he has thusiasm, and I gathered the impression previously had, and he is perhaps the that many there felt as I do. The play- only man of his class who is docile Power, and its continuation may cause does not put his failures down to the very unpleasant feelings. Why not have inclemency of the weather or to the stubbornness of the soil. He is ably

A report of the German potash syndicate just published in the Chemical Trade Journal shows what the Ger- settled military policy. last two years and how they have been able to do it. It was reported at the recent meeting of the potash syndicate that as a result of extraordinary efforts production from German soil obtaining the information, has been all. The farmer in Germany has a I desire to call your attention to the published in the Moniteur Scientific of cellent helps, but his actual increase certainly the most illuminative that artificial fertilizers. could be wished. It does not bear out fertilization has been emphasize has been able to produce not only the able position to use it, since An extract from the report of Licu- best fertilizer, but enormous quantities try contains not only large tenant Dougherty to the War Depart- of potash nitrate of soda, carbonic acid potash saits, but also light and phosphates from the seaweed of cally fitted to profit by Baltic. And nitrates are furnished of seaweed thrown up in abundance by the German processes yields the nitrogenous material of extracting nitrogen from the atmos- suitable to the ground. The phere and of making synthetic sul- this seaweed is now recognized phate of ammonia. It is too early yet immense service to German factures will be on the whole situation are more vivid, pressing and main Germany. It may after the situa- the German concentrates tion radically and a large crop may the more.

flame for interior decorations in con- away the points talked as to the a

prison terms, but no such proportion of what has hitherto been considered im- of the tiny electric lamp at a price that wheel would never score out of the men who want to so straig t has ever possible has now been accomplished and will place it within reach of all, for had plane" be correct as to looping of the candle and naked flame, that all line, but if "any other move as

honest work and deserve a chance to miles in length of ordinary telegraph ignorant may know and the careless be would permit the change rehabilitate themselves, so that more wire at Musso's laboratory in this city, and more business men are now willing George A. Pennis. The electric light where possible, but point of my suggestions is that the warn all, that the annual toll may be thip affords to a rotator, whether

Spare the little ones. Never was there an ideal gimbal, a suspension ode, To the Entre of The Str. Ser. You greater incentive to do anything elec- dent of stable supports, and a better buy a reference book of Greek and trically than that of interior Yuletide rotator freedom to follow its a Norse mythology for use of your para-graph writer.

K. Guiterman. decorations. Surely never was nobler tendencies. work for the central station company. Your co work for the central station company | Your correspondent seems to do than now. Spare the little ones; that there is reason in the Let the little ones have their fun-there the engine balance warchildhoods of all of us-but make it 'the gyroscopic force pro-i

fundamental, vocational and inquestral Loki's Arrow: the missience.

training are vital, but these will largely | Mr. Guiterman's readiness to break | Emile Lavisse, realizing the need of a scopic effects, I am but a ex-Lavisse, widow of the French General Beyed they might be due to fail unless a spirit of moral inspiration a spear in behalf of accuracy in citation of the classics and mythology is centre where the widows of French officers can come together, wishes to established the control of the classics and mythology is cert can come together, wishes to established the control of the classics and mythology is cert can come together. The old style prison was a place of torment for lost souls. The new style prison is a hospital, a school and a beginning of hope for future citizens. We shall out the lists. We shall not tilt with him. But shall quote for his edification from Harper's "Dictionary of Classical Liters which shall the new Sing Sing less than the state of the search their living and that of their chilists which shall the new Sing Sing less than the state of the search their living and that of their chilists which shall the new Sing Sing less than the state of the search the state of the search the search that should be searched. Harper's "Dictionary of Classical Later-ature and Antiquities": "Philoctetes was leader of seven ships in the expedi-tion against Troy; but on the way out he was bitten by a snake at Lemnos, or

Builfinch, Loki threw the mistletoe twig at Baldur, and the verb fits a spear situation, surrounded by a large garden, teen inch disc, at a spear But as the funds needed to secure and hundred revolutions. In other teilings, maintain this establishment are two mil- tion to change its place of lions of francs, Mme. Lavisse appeals to overcome the power of a man to be charitable Americans willing to aid this it and lift the man from the desirable charity. She would appreciate

A FRIEND OF FRANCE Pants, December 5.

ing on the deak beside him, and when he started on a case he also would start whiting. The more interested he became in the arguments of the lawyers the faster he would whittle. It was very interesting to watch him wield the knife, and whittling appeared to be almost second whittling appeared to be almost second at the Buckhorn Literary a few nights cature to him."

To the Beet of Trouble.

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country. It is a parliamentary paper concerning "The Recent Development

how it affects the very existence of the country is shown in preface by Lord Selborne. They ar papers like the Saturday Review in the Quarterly freely admit. Lord Selborne has studied German methodand it has become clear to him the "If agriculture had made no more proress in Germany than it has in United Kingdom during the period 155 to 1915 the German Empire would ba been at the end of its resources on before the second year of the war," Agriculture has become a weapon

of the German farmer, whose drill apparently the best in the world. If can boast the finest cultivation of ce which is the vital matter, he occupiea place second to none at the presen supply of fertilizers for the soil is an portance to investigate his culture e sults in maintaining the nation's ability

> Mr. Middleton proves by figures the Germany a large increase This is striking, for the German farme is generally supposed to have an ferior soil. Other figures given by M Middleton are equally impressive. milk production the German yield ex ceeds the British by 50 per cent. The more space than the English farmer staple crops like potatoes. Sugar is scarce, but in the beet, which makes sugar, the German has a resource which is scarcely realized. Again, the German annually ploughs more than ish, and there is reason to regard the rate as even exceeded in 1916.

> It may be clearer after these figures how Germany's favorable position has been achieved. It is organization, the cultivation of now from French and Russian paper show that it has definitely aimed

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Thought for Dog Lovers

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